

ABOUT ESCAPING



HOW many times we have read that a man, having committed some crime, is arrested and taken to jail. Then, either before or after his trial, he manages to trick the keeper and to escape from his prison cell. Away through the night he flees, trying to get as far from the iron bars and the stone walls as possible before the light dawns in the world and he is missed.

Perhaps he finds his way into a large city, and there buries himself, as he thinks, in the great crowds of moving humanity. He feels that one among so many could never be traced down. Perhaps he goes into the mountain fastness, and there isolates himself, thinking that if he keeps far away from the haunts of men he will be safe. Perhaps he takes passage on a ship and travels round the world, in the belief that if he goes far enough it will be impossible for anyone to follow him and bring him back. The man tells himself that he has escaped and thinks of himself as being free again.

But that man has not escaped. He is not free. There is no escape and there is no freedom in the whole world for him. He may not be held prisoner by the iron bars and the stone walls, but there are stronger bars that bar the doors of life than those of iron, and there are thicker, higher walls than those of stone. He may not be in the keeping of the jailer who stands outside the door, but there is another Keeper more watchful still; it is quite impossible to deceive or to pass Him.

Fear of detection and punishment bars the fugitive from all that is highest and best in life, bars him from the best society, bars him from the highest privileges, bars him from a man's place in the world, bars him from the company of his fellow men. The common judgment of his fellows is a wall that shuts him out of their lives and confines him in that narrow, hard life of a lawbreaker.

Conscience is a sentinel at the door of the heart, and conscience never closes its eye, and nothing within the soul escapes it. A man may deceive other men and hide from them his inward thoughts, but conscience can never thus be deceived. That man is the prisoner of conscience, whether he be in the wilds of the mountains or in the underworld of the great city.

There is no sin for which there is no judgment. We may call ourselves free and feel that we have escaped by making light of our sins or by hiding them from men, but we are prisoners still. We must answer to the Judge in the end.

et Feet

FOOT afflictions, and their accompanying ailments, which a majority of adults suffer from, can usually be traced to careless parents who permitted wrong shoes in childhood. Government Authorities make this statement.

Wrong shoes seriously affect physical development. Weak and painful feet prevent natural exercise and correct carriage; nervous troubles, indigestion, neuralgia, stooped shoulders, narrow chests, weak lungs, spinal deformities and other diseased conditions ensue all too frequently. All orthopedic hospitals record these facts.

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